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SUBJECT: ASAD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

REF: STATE 112111

1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON
FROM PRESIDENT ASAD IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER
OF MAY 29, CONVEYED TO PRINCIPAL OFFICER 9:30 P.M.
DAMASCUS TIME, JUNE 2.

2. QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION
OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI
FORCES. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ROLE AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES IN
ACHIEVING THIS RESULT AS WELL AS OUR APPRECIATION FOR
THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS MADE BY YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE,
DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, THROUGHOUT THE DISENGAGEMENT
TALKS. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONDITIONS IN THE AREA
WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WHICH HELPED IN REACHING
AGREEMENT FOR DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES.
WE IN SYRIA HOPE THAT THE GOAL OF A JUST AND
DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE ATTAINED THROUGH
THE JOINT EFFORTS OF ALL THOSE WHO SINCERELY WORK FOR
PEACE. SINCERELY, HAFEZ AL-ASAD. UNQTE.

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